



## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

### GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

#### Electrical Safety Month

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, there are, on average, 490 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year; and

**WHEREAS**, more than seven people are electrocuted each week in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.3 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent injury or death to thousands of people each year; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens are challenged to check their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens are encouraged to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground fault circuit interrupters, arc fault circuit interrupters, and tamper resistant receptacles; and


**WHEREAS**, citizens are urged to install, test and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms; and


**WHEREAS**, the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school and workplace through education, awareness, and advocacy; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim May, 2011 as Electrical Safety Month and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2011

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State